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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all my fellow officers and members;

I would like to extend to each of you and members of your families, sincere wishes for a most happy, prosperous and healthy new year. My thanks to all those who took time out from a busy holiday schedule to send me greetings. They were much appreciated.

Shortly after you read this the Florida State Fair will be in full swing and as usual the Sunset and Ridge Chapters will put on an Hibiscus exhibit for the last week of the fair, ending with our Third Annual judged show on Saturday, February 17, 1962. We wish to extend a cordial invitation to one and all to come and see our exhibit and also participate in the show. There are ribbons aplenty to be won and two beautiful silver trophies for the best in show, so come on out and try for them. There will be an article with the details elsewhere in this issue.

We are looking forward to the show with a great deal of pleasure and pride. A winter Hibiscus show is a real challenge to us and we are looking forward to meeting you all in person, so come out and see us. There is still plenty of time to set some seed pods on your plants and you will have a great and wonderful experience watching your "children" grow and bloom for you, so try it for yourself. You may be very pleasantly surprised when you see what you will get. If one variety does not work, try another. In case anyone has any extra seeds they would like to donate to the seed bank, please send them to Mr. William Cutler and they will be distributed to those desiring them.

Due to the fact that "Jack Frost" paid us a little visit, everyone is concerned with the problem of cold damage to their plants and protecting them against any further unseasonable weather we might have. If you do not know what to do, please write and you will receive the information you need.

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